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September 15, 2015

Michael Kirst, President  
State Board of Education  
1430 N St. Suite #5111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Kirst:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Se-Yao Hsu'.

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President, JCUIAA

cc. The Honorable Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
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